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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE AND CGIL PRESENCE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH OPPOSING METHOD BY WHICH DECISION  
REACHED TO HOLD JANUARY 1974 EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE  
AND OPPOSING THE PROPOSED AD HOC NATURE OF CONFERENCE, ITALIN  
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CISL AND UIL APPARENTLY PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH SUBSTANCE OF

MEETING BETWEEN TOP EAST-WEST TRADE UNION LEADERS. STORTI, LAMA AND VANNI EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE JANUARY CONFERENCE AS ITALIAN ILO WORKER REPS. RE UPCOMING ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL TACKLE QUESTION OF PERMANENT CGIL "RELATIONSHIP" WITH ETUC, THE CISL AND UIL MAY PLAY PASSIVE ROLE WHILE AWAITING RESPONSBMCZOJXFHER ETUC MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. ITALIAN CISL AND UIL HAVE FURTHER DEFINED AND MODIFIED INITIAL VIEWS (SEE REFTEL) ON PROPOSED JANUARY 1974 EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE. BOTH CISL AND UIL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS DISMAY AT BEING EXCLUDED FROM JULY VIENNA MEETING. BOTH INSIST THAT AN EAST-WEST CONFERENCE CAN ONLY BE HELD BETWEEN WORKER REPS UNDER ILO AUSPEICES AND NOT AS AD HOC MEETING OF EAST AND WEST TRADE UNION LEADERS. AND BOTH CONSIDERED A VISIT TO ITALY BY FEATHER AND/OR VETTER TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE AND CGIL PARTICIPATION IN IT TO BE ILL ADVISED. ACCORDING FABRIZIA BADUEL, CISL INTERNATIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR, AND PINO QUERENGHI,

UIL NATIONAL SECRETARY PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,

VICTOR FEATHER AT LEAST HAS ACCEPTED ITALIAN VIEWS AND HAS AGREED TO EAST-WEST MEETING UNDER ILO REGIONAL FRAMEWORK WHERE CGIL AND CGT ALREADY PRESENT. AUCCTU APPARENTLY HAS NO DIFFICULTY THIS APPROACH SINCE

ITS AIM, ACCORDING ITALIANS, IS SIMPLY TO HAVE CGIL AND CGT PRESENT AT

WHATEVER EAST-WEST MEETING.

3. WHILE IT WOULD SEEM THE ITALIANS HAVE MADE SOME KIND OF POINT, IN SUBSTANCE THE CONFERENCE MAY BE THAT INITIAL MULTI-LATERAL MEETING OF EAST-WEST TRADE UNION LEADERS AGREED TO IN VIENNA AFTER ALL. ITALIAN WORKER DELEGATION TO ILO REGIONAL CONFERENCE ACCORDING BADUEL WILL INCLUDE THE THREE SECRETARIES GENERAL--STORTI (CISL), VANNI (UIL), LAMA (CGIL). VANNI IS PURPORTEDLY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS BUT IT APPEARS HE WILL GO ALONG. EAST-EST MEETING EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT SEPTEMBER 28 ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO TO TAKE UP DELICATE QUESTION OF CGIL REQUEST FOR "ORGANIC COLLABORATION" OR "PERMANENT DIALOGUE" WITH THE ETUC. EVEN THOUGH LAMA IN A LETTER REQUESTING PERMINANT CGIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIONSHIP WITH ETUC DID NOT SEEK AFFILIATION (TO AVOID POSSIBLE REJECTION), THE QUESTION OF ETUC EXPANSION TO INCLUDE CGIL AND CGT WILL BE JOINED. POSSIBLE CISL OR UIL OPPOSITION TO CGIL RELATIONSHIP WITH ETUC ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CONSIDERATION THAT LAMA LETTER PARTIALLY BASED REQUEST FOR CGIL PARTICIPATION IN ETUC ON FACT OF CGIL, CISL, UIL MEMBERSHIP IN THE ITALIAN LABOR "SUPERFEDERATION." BASIC RESPONSE WILL PROBABLY BE LEFT TO OTHER MEMBERS ETUC.

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